MARTHA EVANS WINN

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Martha Evans Winn, daughter of Bishop David Evans and Barbara Ann Ewell, was born in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, October 20, 1842.

The threatening and howling mobs compelled David, his wife Barbara Ann, and three small children to leave their home in Nauvoo in 1846. They with their children, including four-year old Martha, began the long journey to Utah. By fall they were in Missouri. Their food was short but they were obliged to leave in February, 1847. They suffered greatly from hunger and cold. They arrived in Nodway County, Missouri, March 1, 1847, and on the eleventh of April a new brother, Joseph, was added to the family. They remained in Missouri for three years. While there her father made a loom and her mother wove cloth which was used in making clothing, quilts, and other articles.

September 1850, they arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, and remained there until February 15, 1851. They came to Dry Creek, later called Evansville, and then Lehi, arriving when Martha was eight years of age.

She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, June 16, 1851. She was married to William Henry Winn on her seventeenth birthday, October 20, 1859. She and her husband were sealed in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, August 3, 1861. To this union were born fourteen children.

She died November 15, 1926, at the age of eighty-four.